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1 71. (previously amended) The isolated pyruvate
2 carboxylase gene according to claim 65 with a preceding tac
3 promotor.

1 72. (previously added) The isolated pyruvate carboxylase
2 gene according to claim 71 with a regulatory gene sequence associ-
3 ated with the tac promoter.

1 73. (previously added) The isolated pyruvate carboxylase
2 gene according to claim 70 associated with a regulatory gene
3 sequence.

1 74. (previously added) A nucleic acid comprising an
2 isolated pyruvate carboxylase gene according to claim 65, preceded
3 by a promoter and associated with a regulatory gene sequence.

1 75. (previously added) A vector containing an isolated
2 pyruvate carboxylase gene according to claim 65.

1 76. (previously added) A transformed cell containing in
2 replicatable form an isolated pyruvate carboxylase gene according
3 to claim 65.

1 77. (previously added) A transformed cell containing a
2 vector according to claim 75.

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1 78. (previously added) A transformed cell according to
2 claim 76 belonging to the genus *Corynebacterium*.

1 81. (previously added) A pyruvate carboxylase gene
2 isolated from a *Corynebacterium* and which consists essentially of
3 nucleotides 165 to 3587 according to SEQ ID No. 1.

1 82. (new) An isolated pyruvate carboxylase polypeptide
2 having an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence
3 selected from the group consisting of:

4 (a) the amino acid sequence of the pyruvate carboxylase
5 polypeptide having the complete amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:
6 2; and

7 (b) the amino acid sequence of the pyruvate carboxylase
8 polypeptide having the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the
9 clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. PTA 982.

1 83. (new) The isolated pyruvate carboxylase polypeptide
2 of claim 82 wherein the pyruvate carboxylase polypeptide comprises
3 an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to the amino acid
4 sequence of the pyruvate carboxylase polypeptide having the amino
5 acid sequence of SEQ ID NO :2.

1 84. (new) The isolated pyruvate carboxylase polypeptide
2 of claim 82 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.